

MINUTES – October 3, 2019
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Rebecca Vinroot, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative, Sabrina Gross, DOE; Em Parente, DSS; Pat Smith, DMAS; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Beth Stinnett, DJJ

Members Absent: Jeannine Uzel, VDH

OCS Staff Members and Guests Present: Scott Reiner, Kristi Schabo, Marsha Mucha (guest list attached)

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The August 1, 2019 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Susan Aylor, seconded by Shannon Updike and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review/Feedback from the SEC/SLAT Strategic Planning Session

Mrs. Reilly-Jones asked members for their feedback on the recent strategic planning session held jointly with the State Executive Council (SEC). She reminded members of SLAT’s role as an advisory body to the SEC.

Members briefly discussed the timeline of major transformational activities undertaken by agencies with representation on both the SEC and SLAT. Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that she would like to see a timeline of the major initiatives, how they overlap and the impacts of those initiatives on other agencies and stakeholders. Members also noted the importance of sharing information and being cognizant of making sure staff and other stakeholders have the latest/up-to-date information.

Member Updates

Members reported on activities and the statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, grant opportunities, and upcoming conferences/events. Members also continue to work within their agencies and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery for the children, youth and families of Virginia.

In conjunction with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) report, members discussed ongoing census concerns of the Commonwealth Center. They also discussed the number of out-of-state

placements due to lack of services and the capacity in Virginia to serve the most difficult youth. Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that the previous workgroup that convened in response to census concerns at the Commonwealth Center should reconvene. Ms. Fisher (DBHDS) and Ms. Smith (DMAS) will share this concern with their respective agencies. Members requested a follow up report be presented at the next SLAT meeting in December.

Upcoming events include:

- The Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations (VCOPPA) will host its fall symposium on November 6-7, 2019.
- The Virginia Family Network will sponsor an Advanced Parent Leadership Training in Woodbridge, October 19-20, 2019.
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Virginia will hold its state conference on October 26-27, 2019.

OCS Report

Zandra Relaford and Scott Reiner reported:

- *FY2019 Reporting* - The last day to submit FY2019 CSA pool reimbursement requests was September 30, 2019. Overall expenditures rose 6.2% over FY2018. Foster care expenditures increased significantly over the previous year.
- *Regional Training Events* - A series of regional trainings are being planned in coordination with other child-serving agencies for the spring of 2020. The trainings will focus on local implementation of evidence-based practices.

Non-Mandated Survey Results and Next Steps

Mrs. Reilly-Jones provided background information on the request from the SEC to review the use of non-mandated funds, including barriers to use of the funds and best practices. At the August SLAT meeting, a SLAT workgroup was formed to summarize information previously collected by SLAT through a survey on the use of these funds and to draft recommendations for presentation to the SEC.

During a review of the recommendations, SLAT members suggested a few edits to the document to provide clarification. The revised document will be sent to the members of the workgroup for final review before presentation at the December SLAT meeting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2019 in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd., in Richmond.